

2012 MAINE HUNTING SEASONS

(Not a legal presentation. See hunting law booklet for full details. Dates listed below are not valid after July, 2013)

DEER Firearms Season

Maine Resident Only Day

Youth Deer Day

Archery

Muzzleloader statewide (all WMD's)

Muzzleloader WMD's 12, 13, 15 through 18, 20 through 26, 29

Expanded Archery (designated areas only)

BEAR General hunting seasons.....

Hunting with dogs

Hunting with bait

Bait can be placed July 28

MOOSE (by permit only) WMD's 1 through, 6, 11, 19

WMD's 1 through 14, 17 through 19, 27, 28.....

WMD's 15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26

Maine Resident Only Day - WMD's 15, 16, 22, 23, 25, 26

WMD's 1 through 8, 11

RUFFED GROUSE & BOBWHITE QUAIL

PHEASANT

SPRING WILD TURKEY WMD's 7, 9 through 26 & 28

Youth Spring Wild Turkey.....

FALL WILD TURKEY

Zone 1 (archery only): WMD's 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 26.....

Zone 2 (archery only): WMD's: 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

Zone 3 (archery & shotgun): WMD's 15, 16, 17, 20 through 26

WOODCOCK

COMMON SNIPER

DUCKS, GEESE, SEA DUCKS (scoter, eider, long-tailed duck)

SORA & VIRGINIA RAILS (and GALLINULES)

CROW WMD's 1 through 6.....

WMD's 7 through 29.....

GRAY SQUIRREL

GRAY SQUIRREL (FALCONRY).....

SNOWSHOE HARE

SNOWSHOE HARE (on Vinalhaven Island, Knox County)

BOBCAT

FOX

RACCOON

SKUNK, OPOSSUM

COYOTE NIGHT HUNT

COYOTE, WOODCHUCK, PORCUPINE, RED SQUIRREL.....

SPRUCE GROUSE, LYNX, COTTONTAIL RABBIT

FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BASIC LIMITS DAILY POSSESSION		
Oct. 29 Oct. 27 Oct. 20 Sept. 29 Nov. 26 Dec. 3 Sept. 8	Nov. 24 Oct. 26 Dec. 1 Dec. 8 Dec. 8	One Deer Per Year (see exception below) Only deer with antlers at least three inches long may be taken from Oct. 27 - Dec. 8, except that any deer may be taken in designated wildlife management districts by hunters with any-deer permits. Exceptions: Additional deer may be taken by participating in the Expanded Archery Season, or by anyone possessing a bonus antlerless deer permit or superpack antlerless deer permit Note: In WMD's where no any-deer permits are issued, it is bucks only for youth hunters on youth deer day and also bucks only for archers during the archery season on deer.		
Aug. 27 Sept. 10 Aug. 27	Nov. 24 Oct. 26 Sept. 22	Two Bear Per Year One by hunting, One by trapping		
Sept. 24 Oct. 8 Oct. 29 Oct. 27 Nov. 5	Sept. 29 Oct. 13 Nov. 24 Nov. 10	Permit application period: January through April 1. One Moose Per Year , by either permittee or sub-permittee.		
Oct. 1 Oct. 1	Dec. 31 Dec. 31	4 2	Grouse & Quail Pheasant	8 4
Apr. 30 Apr. 28	June 2	2 bearded Wild Turkey with appropriate permits. Seasons set annually by rulemaking, see website.		
Oct. 6	Oct. 20	One Wild Turkey either sex, any age.		
Sept. 29	Oct. 26			
Oct. 13	Oct. 19			
Seasons set in late August/ early September. Regulations available mid-September from license agents, game wardens, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. offices, and on the web at www.maine.gov/ifw				
Feb. 6 Aug. 1	April 15 Sept. 22	- -		
Jan. 21 Aug. 1	March 31 Sept. 22	- -		
Oct. 1	Dec. 31	- -		
Oct. 1	Feb. 28	4	8	
Oct. 1	Mar. 31	4	8	
Oct. 1	Feb. 28	4	8	
Dec. 1	Feb. 14	-	-	
Oct. 15	Feb. 28	-	-	
Oct. 1	Dec. 31	-	-	
Oct. 15	Dec. 31	-	-	
Dec. 16	Aug 31	-	-	
NO CLOSED SEASON FOR HUNTING				
NO OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING				
Note: Except for migratory game birds, there is no hunting season on any species of bird or animal which is not listed above.				



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LICENSES: Hunting license is required. The archery license allows bow and arrow hunting for all legal game throughout the year (except deer during the muzzleloading season). An archery license is required to hunt deer during the regular archery and expanded archery seasons, and also required to hunt turkey with bow & arrow during the fall Wild Turkey season.

Muzzleload license is required, in addition to a hunting license, to hunt deer during muzzleloader season on deer.

A bear permit is required in addition to a hunting license from August 27 through October 26. Nonresident and alien hunters are required to purchase a November (late season) bear hunting permit to hunt bear during the firearm season on deer if they do not already possess a regular bear hunting permit. See hunting law booklet for other recent changes.

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS:

Animals: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Exceptions: Spring Wild Turkey, migratory game birds, raccoons, and coyote. See hunting law booklet for details on night hunting for coyotes.

SUNDAY HUNTING: Illegal in Maine.

HUNTER ORANGE: See hunting law book for details.

STAMPS: A State Waterfowl Permit and federal duck stamp are required for waterfowl hunters age 16 and over. Migratory waterfowl permits are not required to hunt Crow, Woodcock, Common Snipe, Sora & Virginia Rails, and Gallinules. A Pheasant permit is required to hunt pheasant in York and Cumberland counties.

OPERATION GAME THIEF: Call 1-800-ALERT US (253-7887) to report game law violations. Rewards paid. Caller identification protected.
Poachers are thieves — help us stop them.

Ethics are what we do when no one else is watching.

Maine is a very unique place. You can be completely alone in the wild, practicing ethical behavior and no one may be there to notice. However, the landowner as well as the hunters and anglers that follow you, will appreciate it greatly. Your ethical behavior contributes significantly to Maine's sporting future, and it encourages landowners to keep important habitat property available for all to enjoy.

So remember, always respect the rights of landowners and please ...

ASK FIRST

We urge all hunters and anglers to *Supersport* their license.

The fee is only \$20.00 and all proceeds fund the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife's vital Landowner Relations Program. Thus far, this program has helped prevent the posting of over 63,000 acres of private land. If you have already purchased your license, you may still become a *Supersport* at anytime.

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